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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

- Notifying Member: <u>UNITED ARAB EMIRATES</u>

 If applicable, name of local government involved:
- 2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Climate Change and Environment (MOCCAE)
- 3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): All kinds of live ruminants and its by-products, untreated ruminants meat and its products
- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
 - [] All trading partners
 - [X] Specific regions or countries: Letsemeng, South Africa
- **5. Title of the notified document:** United Arab Emirates is imposing a temporary ban on the importation of all kinds of live ruminants (sheep, goats, cows, buffaloes, camels and deer) and their untreated products and by-products from South Africa, in addition to a ban on the importation of ruminants' meat and its meat products from Letsemeng in South Africa. **Language(s):** Arabic. **Number of pages:** 2
- **6. Description of content:** Following the notification published by the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) on 16 May 2018 regarding the outbreak of Rift Valley fever virus in Letsemeng in South Africa, the United Arab Emirates is applying a precautionary sanitary measure to prevent the risk of introducing the Rift Valley fever virus through the imports of all kinds of live ruminants and their untreated products from South Africa. These measures include:
 - 1. Temporary ban on the importation of all kinds of live ruminants and their untreated by-products, originating from South Africa;
 - 2. Temporary ban on ruminants' meat and its untreated products from Letsemeng in South Africa, except heat-treated products;
 - 3. Consignments of ruminants' meat shipped from Letsemeng in South Africa before 30 March 2018 were permitted.
- 7. Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [X] animal health, [] plant protection, [X] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests.
- **8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action:** There is a risk of contamination from importing live ruminants and their products from South Africa, which is affected with the Rift Valley fever virus. This follows the notification of an outbreak of Rift Valley fever virus in Letsemeng in South Africa on 16 May 2018. These applied measures are in compliance with Article 8.15.9, Article 8.15.10 and Article 8.15.11, Chapter 8.15 of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) Terrestrial Animal Health Code.

- 9. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex [] standard or related text): World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic [X] Animal Health Code, chapter number): Chapter 8.15 of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) Terrestrial Animal Health Code International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): []

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Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

[X] Yes [] No

If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

- 10. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
- 11. Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable): 27 May 2018
 - [] Trade facilitating measure
- 12. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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